Listing of Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) Apparatus for producing a tire reinforcement formed from a thread delivered continuously and on request by an appropriate dispenser, the apparatus being intended to be used in cooperation with a substantially toroidal form on which the reinforcement is progressively constructed by laying hoops of the thread between ends of a desired thread path on the surface of the form, the apparatus comprising:

a guiding member in which the thread can slide freely,

a solid oscillating arm, moving in an arcuate path about a geometrical axis of rotation, wherein ~~an~~ a terminal end of the oscillating arm supports said guiding member, and moves in an arcuate path ~~positioned laterally~~ lying externally of the form,

a control for imparting an oscillatory movement to the oscillating arm so that the guiding member is transported in a cyclical movement described in a movement plane, to and fro, in order to bring the guiding member in successive cycles into the vicinity of each of the ends of the desired thread path without substantially coming into contact with the form,

a presser close to each end of the said path, for applying the thread to the form at the ends of the desired thread path, acting in synchronism with the cyclical movement of the guiding member, and

the oscillating arm comprising said terminal part, one end coupled to said control, and an intermediate part between said one end and said terminal part, wherein ~~, in its~~ said terminal part includes [[,]] a spout extending ~~from said laterally positioned end of said oscillating arm inwardly towards the form,~~ between said intermediate part and said guiding member, said spout

being inclined with respect to said geometrical axis of rotation and extends inwardly toward the form, the spout directly supporting the guiding member so as to bring the guiding member close to the form at least in the configuration assumed by the apparatus when the guiding member is close to the end of the path.

2. (original) Apparatus according to Claim 1, in which the geometrical axis of rotation of the oscillating arm intersects the form in the working position.

3. (currently amended) Apparatus according to Claim 1, in which a base of the oscillating arm, located at ~~an~~ said one end of said oscillating arm ~~opposite said end thereof supporting said guiding member~~, is substantially oriented perpendicularly to the geometrical axis of rotation of the oscillating arm, ~~the oscillating arm having at least one~~ and wherein said intermediate part is oriented substantially parallel to the geometrical axis of rotation of the oscillating arm.

4. (currently amended) Apparatus according to Claim 1, in which the guiding member comprises an orifice at the end of the oscillating arm, the oscillating arm being hollow and having ~~the~~ said thread passing therethrough.

5. (new) Apparatus according to Claim 1, in which said intermediate part is oriented substantially parallel to the geometrical axis of rotation of the oscillating arm, and the spout forms an angle with respect to said intermediate part so that it approaches progressively closer to the form.